



Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar

# News Release

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**ATTN MEDIA:** Bruce Elfant is available for property tax deadline interviews.

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## Deadline to pay property taxes midnight Jan. 31

The deadline to pay property taxes is midnight, Tuesday, Jan. 31 and Travis County property owners are encouraged to make their payment online.

The online eCheck payment only costs \$1 and you will automatically be emailed a paid receipt for your records.

Using the online process is the fastest and most secure way to pay your property taxes and ensures you will not incur any penalty or interest charges on your tax bill.

"We are all extremely busy in our everyday lives, which leads many people to procrastinate when it comes to paying their tax bill," says Bruce Elfant, the Travis County tax assessor-collector. "And let's face it, no one likes having to pay their tax bill but we all have to do it so why not choose the quick and easy online method?"

Elfant cautioned people to not wait until after 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31 to pay. "Our processing system becomes slower to respond due to the high volume of online traffic during the last hour on deadline day," he said.

If you pay too close to the deadline, it is possible the online system won't be able to process your payment before midnight, making you liable for penalty and interest charges.

You also may pay your property taxes online with a credit card, which adds a three-percent charge to your total, or by using your PayPal account. You can access all the online payment methods at [www.TravisCountyTax.org](http://www.TravisCountyTax.org).

Property owners who cannot pay in full and want to set up a payment plan can review their payment options and apply online at [www.TravisCountyTax.org](http://www.TravisCountyTax.org). Owners with a senior,

disabled or disabled veteran homestead exemption can sign up to pay taxes in four installments without penalty and interest charges.

If you are one of the county's 132,000 property owners who escrow through a mortgage company or lending institution, your mortgage company probably requested the bill in order to pay your taxes, but you might want to check with the mortgage company to be sure.

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